Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/791,147	LAMARRE, LOUISE
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Rodney E. Fuller	2851
The MAILING DATE of this communication apper All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RI of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313	(OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this ap or other appropriate communication IGHTS. This application is subject to	plication. If not included n will be mailed in due course. THIS
1. This communication is responsive to <u>applicant's Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review</u> .		
2. Mail The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-21.		
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2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No		
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the		
International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).		
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.		
4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.		
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).		
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.		
Attachment(s) 1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	5. Thetics of Informal B	Potent Application
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4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material		ent of Reasons for Allowance
	9.	Rodney Fuller
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DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. In response to applicant's Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review, dated June 12, 2006, the examiner has re-reviewed the cited prior art in light of applicant's arguments and withdraws the rejection as noted in the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed July 19, 2006.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 2. Claims 8-21 are allowed.
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach or suggest applying a varying degree of focus to a plurality of objects in a background image as a function of a degree of focus of each of the objects for an intended distance between each of the objects and the subject, such that not all of the objects in the background image are set to have the same degree of focus.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney E. Fuller whose telephone number is 571-272-2118. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diane Lee can be reached on 571-272-2399. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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September 18, 2006